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MOSCOW SHARPENS RHETORIC ON PAKISTAN'S ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN
SUMMARY

MOSCOW HAS NOTABLY SHARPENED ITS PUBLIC CRITICISM OF PAKISTAN FOR ITS ALLEGED ROLE IN SUPPORT OF AFGHAN INSURGENTS AGAINST THE KABUL REGIME. INCREASED SOVIET PRESSURE ON THE ISSUE WAS SIGNALLED IN JUNE IN A RARE PRAVDA EDITORIAL ARTICLE ON PAKISTAN AND WAS DRAMATIZED MORE RECENTLY IN MOSCOW'S ACERBIC ACCOUNT OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S 20 SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH HIS PAKISTANI COUNTERPART AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL TASS ACCOUNT, GROMYKO DELIVERED AN UNUSUALLY SHARP REBUKE TO PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER YAQUB KHAN DURING THEIR REGULAR MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SUCH A MEETING SINCE THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN IN 1979, GROMYKO REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT PAKISTAN WAS "EXPANDING" ITS "INTERFERENCE" IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH CONNIVANCE IN ARMED RAIDS AND WARNED THAT SUCH ACTIONS "CANNOT BUT AFFECT" SOVIET-PAKISTANI RELATIONS. GROMYKO ALSO CALLED UPON ISLAMABAD TO DISPLAY THE "NECESSARY REALISM" TO ENCOURAGE PROGRESS AT THE UN-SPONSORED INDIRECT TALKS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN AND AFFIRMED, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, THAT THE SOVIET UNION FAVORS A "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION AROUND AFGHANISTAN."

FROM 1980 THROUGH 1982, SOVIET REPORTS ON COMPARABLE MEETINGS HAVE INCLUDED MOSCOW'S CHARGE THAT PAKISTANI TERRITORY IS BEING USED TO LAUNCH ATTACKS INTO AFGHANISTAN. NONE PREVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, HAD PORTRAYED AN ESCALATION OF THE PAKISTANI ROLE. THE PRAVDA ACCOUNT OF A 10 JUNE 1983 GROMYKO-KHAN MEETING IN MOSCOW WAS EVEN MILDER, OMITTING CHARGES ABOUT PAKISTANI RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOSTILITIES AND SUGGESTING POSITIVELY THAT AN AFGHAN POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WOULD CREATE "MORE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-PAKISTAN

GROMYKO DID NOT REFER DIRECTLY TO PAKISTAN IN HIS 27 SEPTEMBER ADDRESS TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT HIS TRADITIONAL CALL FOR A HALT TO "OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE" IN AFGHANISTAN WAS COINED IN SHARPER TERMS THAN IN RECENT YEARS. AS REPORTED BY TASS, GROMYKO DENOUNCED THE "FOES OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE" FOR "FORMING, ARMING, AND INFILTRATING" ANTIGOVERNMENT "GANGS OF BANDITS AND SABOTEURS" INTO AFGHANISTAN. THE OPENING SOVIET ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR HAD REFERRED LESS DRAMATICALLY TO "MILITARY INCURSIONS" AND "OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE." IN 1982 GROMYKO HAD CALLED FOR A HALT TO "ARMED INTERVENTION FROM THE OUTSIDE." HE LAST REFERRED TO PAKISTAN'S ROLE DIRECTLY IN HIS 1981 SPEECH, WHEN HE ACCUSED PAKISTAN OF SERVING AS THE "MAIN BRIDGEHEAD" FOR "ARMED INTRUSIONS."

PRAVDA EDITORIAL ARTICLE -- ACCUSATIONS OF PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT IN AN EXPANSION OF HOSTILE ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN HAD BEEN RAISED AUTHORITATIVELY EARLIER THIS YEAR IN A 29 JUNE PRAVDA EDITORIAL ARTICLE. TAKING PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE VISIT TO PAKISTAN IN MAY BY VICE PRESIDENT BUSH, THE EDITORIAL ARTICLE CHARGED THAT UNDER THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION PAKISTAN HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST AFGHANISTAN "ON A FAR BROADER PRACTICAL FOOTING THAN IT WAS BY THAT GOVERNMENT'S PREDECESSORS." THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, PRAVDA ASSERTED, HERALDED AN INCREASED ARMS FLOW TO AFGHAN INSURGENTS AND IS EVIDENCE THAT WASHINGTON, WITH ISLAMABAD HARNESSSED "EVEN MORE FIRMLY TO ITS CHARIOT," SEEKS NOT A NORMALIZATION BUT A "FURTHER EXACERBATION" OF THE SITUATION.

THE EDITORIAL ARTICLE ALSO ELEVATED A NUMBER OF FAMILIAR SOVIET CHARGES AGAINST PAKISTAN TO A MORE AUTHORITATIVE LEVEL AND ACCUSED THE PAKISTANI LEADERSHIP OF PURSUING POLICIES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF SOUTH ASIA AND AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF ITS OWN PEOPLE. SPECIFICALLY, PRAVDA CHARGED THAT:

-- PAKISTAN IS ACQUIRING ARMS BEYOND ITS LEGITIMATE DEFENSE NEEDS, THEREBY POSING A DIRECT THREAT TO INDIA.

-- PAKISTAN HAS GRANTED THE UNITED STATES ACCESS TO MILITARY BASES IN PAKISTAN, WHICH IN TURN ARE ASSIGNED A "KEY" ROLE IN U.S. MILITARY PLANS IN THE REGION.

-- ISLAMABAD IS BECOMING "ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS OF U.S. IMPERIALIST STRATEGY" AND IS DOING SO "NOT BY DIRT OF CIRCUMSTANCES BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSCIOUS POLITICAL CHOICE OF THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT LEADERSHIP," WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO FORGE A NEW MIDDLE EAST ALLIANCE INVOLVING TURKEY, SAUDI ARABIA, AND IRAN.

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